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(*b*) As regards the work that has so far been done, reference is invited to the answer to question 78. During 1927–28 the average monthly cost of the establishment employed was Rs. 5,048. The Government have no later figures.

(*c*) No decision has yet been made.

(*d*) The question of laying the reports of the Settlement Officer on the table of the House will be considered as each occasion arises.

Proceedings of the conference of Revenue Members regarding revenue settlement.

*218 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any reference has been made by the Government of India to the Local Government on the report of the Committee appointed by the Government of Bombay to enquire into the revenue resettlement of the Bardoli taluk;

(*b*) whether the hon. the then Revenue Member of this Government attended a Conference of Revenue Members of all Provincial Governments at Delhi to discuss the points raised in that report; and

(*c*) whether the Government of India have communicated to the Local Government the conclusions of the Conference and what action the Government have taken thereon?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Press Communiqué, dated Simla, May 15, which was issued by the Government of India on this subject. The resolution there referred to has not yet been issued so far as this Government are aware.

Staff Selection Board

Selection of candidates by the Staff Selection Board.

*219 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any instructions issued by Government or whether any rules are made for the guidance of the Staff Selection Board in the discharge of their duties and, if so, what they are;

(*b*) what are the names recommended by the Board in the past one year for the various posts and which of them have been accepted by the Government;

(*c*) what are the principles which guide Government in rejecting or accepting the recommendations of the Board;

(*d*) how many sons or near relatives of the Members of the Legislative Council belonging to the Ministerialist Party and others, if any, have been recommended by the Board and which of them Government have accepted;

(*e*) what are the names of the said Members of Council;

(*f*) whether it is true that out of four persons selected for Deputy Tahsildar's post by the Board recently, two are sons of Ministerialist Legislative Council Members and who are the said Legislative Council Members; and

(*g*) whether Government have accepted the said recommendations; and, if so, for what reasons?

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A.—(*a*) No rules have been made; but the instructions issued by Government for the guidance of the Staff Selection Board in the discharge of their duties will be found in G.O. No. 76, Public, dated 6th April 1924, G.O. No. 493, Public, dated 18th May 1925, and paragraph 3 (*e*) of G.O. No. 775, Public, dated 15th August 1925. (These papers were placed on the table of the House respectively on 27th March 1924, 19th March 1926 and 1st March 1927.)

(*b*) The names of applicants recommended by the Staff Selection Board to Government for the posts of Deputy Tahsildars and Deputy Superintendents of Police are shown in the appendix.[a] The names of the candidates appointed by Government are marked with an asterisk.

(*c*) The Government have in no case rejected the recommendations of the Board.

(*d*) & (*e*) The Government have no information.

(*f*) & (*g*) Two of the four persons appointed as Deputy Tahsildars in January 1929 are sons of Legislative Council Members (M.R.Ry. K. Krishnan Avargal and M.R.Ry. S. Arpudaswami Udaiyar Avargal). Of the eleven candidates recommended by the Staff Selection Board the Government selected the four whom they considered best fitted for the appointment.

Wild Animals

Applications by villagers in South Kanara for permission to hunt in reserved forests.

* 220 *Q*.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications made by the villagers in the years 1926, 1927 and 1928, respectively, for permission to hunt in the reserved forests in the district of South Kanara;

(*b*) the number of applications actually allowed; and

(*c*) the time that had elapsed between the date of the application and the date of the order in each case?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question 2015 at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 27th March 1929. The Government have no further information on the subject.

Havoc done by wild animals in the villages of Albadi and Ajre in Coondapoor taluk.

* 221 *Q*.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have received the report—

(*a*) that in the village of Albadi (of Coondapoor taluk, South Kanara district), in about January last, a child was snatched by a tiger from its bed when the mother was sleeping by its side and was subsequently devoured; and

(*b*) that likewise in the village of Ajre of Coondapoor taluk a child was devoured by a tiger last year?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 572 infra.